MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government will be pleased to transfer this particular officer to some other department?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: That question does not arise.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. This officer is guilty of corruption, he does not deserve to be in service at all. The suggestion that some other department can put up with a corrupt officer is not wholesome. Apart from that, I would ask honourable members to consider the position. Government undoubtedly heard from many sources that there were complaints against this officer, Mr. A. R. Padmanabha Rao. They received complaints. Many letters which when investigated, turned out to be pseudonymous-honourable members will realise that on the basis of pseudonymous letters an enquiry cannot be set up—were received by Government. There were some letters giving very specific particulars and the officer himself was quite prepared to stand a public enquiry. The High Court was asked to conduct an enquiry. As has already been explained by the Advocate General, a Judge of the High Court went to the place on a surprise visit and wanted people to bring complaints to him, not only the persons who sent the letters, but others also. The complaint was subsequently withdrawn. And although he invited people to come forward and make complaints, no one single person came up. In these circumstances what can Government do?

Munsiff Magistrate's Court.

336. *P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for abolishing the permanent Munsiff Magistrate's Court from Devicolam taluk;

(*b*) whether any complaint from the public has been received by the Government to restore the permanent Munsiff Magistrate's Court to that place; and

(*c*) what decision has been made on the representation?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Want of sufficient work for a full-time officer.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The present arrangement being only tentative for one year, the matter will be considered after the expiry of the period in the light of the conditions then existing.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Government are aware that the Munnar and Devicolam towns are growing in importance day by day.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I may at once say that it is only experimental and at the end of one year proper action will be taken, if it is unfound that a full time court is necessary.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Government are convinced that there is need for a Munsiff's court at Devicolam?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Government are awaiting the results of the experiment and will decide at the end of the year.

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